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Campus News

Gr 1 to 11 Reports will be issued last day of Term 2

22 June 2016

Dear Curro Parents / Guardians

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1. FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

The school year is really speeding along, and it is hard to believe that we have already reached the mid-year mark. We are continuously working towards our vision, i.e. becoming the "School of Choice" in Centurion. With all stakeholders' positive approach, belief and commitment we will be successful in reaching our goal. I value and honour parents' input and see this as an opportunity for growth for all who are willing to engage. We embrace diversity and are committed to building a future where the African sun can shine on all Her children.

We are continuously trying to establish what we call the **SMART culture**. Part of this is pride in your school and pride in our uniform. Next term we will carry on wearing our **winter uniform**, but will advise you of any changes accordingly. I would appreciate it if you could ensure that your child is dressed correctly. We need your support in this venture.

We would like to congratulate **Mrs Linda Pony Thilivhali** who was the Grit (previously PSPA) **lucky draw winner** of a R500 gift voucher for May. The monthly winners will stand another chance of winning a R1 000 gift voucher when their names are placed in a hat and drawn again in December.

With the recent growth in numbers we have deemed it necessary to appoint an additional **isiZulu Educator** for the Intermediate Phase (Grade 4) for 2017. However, the recruitment of a **qualified, SACE registered** Educator that can teach this language is hard to come by. If you should know of such an Educator, please ask them to forward their CV to info.thatchfield@curroholdings.co.za.

I am very concerned by the number of learners who **remain on the school grounds** long after the official school day and the extra mural activities have ended. Also, when learners arrive back from an excursion, be it educational or sport, they are sometimes left for hours after the return time. This is an urgent appeal to parents to please consider the well-being of their children and also to respect the given time. Please always ensure that your child has his/her diary in his/her bag in order for the School to be able to contact the parent.

It is really heart-warming to see the buy-in of our parents and learners in our social outreach projects. We collected over 2 000 pairs of shoes on **Barefoot Day** on **Friday, 3 June**. **TOGETHER**, we will make a difference when the Potato Foundation once again distributes the shoes to our people in the less fortunate communities.

Thank you to those parents who have already sent **Soup and Blankets** to the school for our Term 2 Outreach project. You are still welcome to send any of these items to school. I am sure that this will be much appreciated by our communities, especially in this icy cold weather. Our **Madiba Day project** for Term 3 is inspired by the words of the **late Nelson Mandela**, i.e. *'Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all'* and *'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'*. In the light of this, we ask learners to please bring long life milk and stationery for the needy in and around our community. The deadline for this outreach is **Friday 22 July**.

Congratulations to **Snakho Mthethwa** who recently received his Gauteng colours in soccer for the U/13 team. Well done Snakho, you truly made us proud!

SuperSport United Soccer will be hosting a **Holiday Camp** from 11 to 14 July 2016 for **ages 4 to 14** from 08:00 to 12:00 at our Primary School fields. These Holiday Camps promise to be a great way for our young players to develop their skills and have fun playing the game, under the watchful eye of Super Sport United Soccer Schools coaches. Kindly contact Peter Chiveso at Pretoria@ssuss.co.za for further information – see flyer attached.

The **school closes** on *Friday 24 June at 11:00* and will **re-open** on *Tuesday 19 July*. I would like to make an urgent appeal to parents to please be on time to collect their children. **Reports** for both the Primary and High Schools will be issued on the last day of school. A reminder that **no reports will be issued to learners if your child's school fees are not up to date**. Report cards will then need to be collected by the ACCOUNT HOLDER in the Primary School Hall. The ladies from the Finance Department will be assisting you.

Mrs Malene Gerber

2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF CURRO CASTLE

Winter is upon us! Please remember to dress your children warmly and to let them take their vitamins every day.

On 1 June **Sprouting Teeth** visited the Castle and discussed dental hygiene with our learners. If you are interested in sending your child for a dental check-up, please remember to return the letter as soon as possible.

On 3 June we celebrated **Barefoot Day**. Thank you to all our parents for your kind donations.

Grandparents' Day was celebrated on Tuesday 14 June. Thank you to all grandparents who attended. The children and Castle staff enjoyed having them here.

The term will end off with a **Pyjama Day** on Friday 24 June where all learners are welcome to dress in their warmest PJ's.

Holiday Care will be from 27 June to 18 July. Please remember to inform your child's class teacher if your child will be attending.

Our **Mandela Day Outreach** for Term 3 will be to collect Baby Milk Formula and stationery for a pre-school in Olievenhoutbosch. The last day for this will be Thursday 21 July.

Keep warm

Mrs Sonette Pretorius

3. FROM THE DESK OF THE RECEPTION PHASE HEAD

I cannot believe that this term is drawing to an end.

Autumn is such a lovely time of the year that we don't want to see it pass so soon, but we are already dressed and cuddled nice and warm, ready for winter.

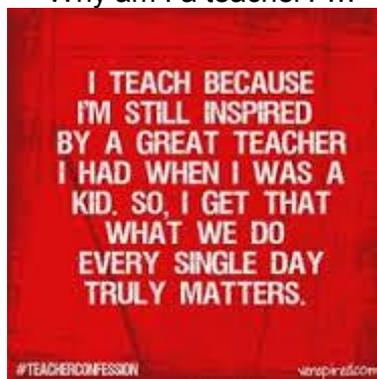
On Wednesday 15th June we welcomed our Grandparents and they really enjoyed visiting their grandchildren at school. Thank you to the mummies who so willingly served our elderly and also those who donated some eats.

Our pre-schoolers should come to school dressed in their PJ's on Friday 24 June for **Pyjama Day** where they will be watching DVDs, drinking hot chocolate and eating popcorn. Our theme for the week will be WINTER.

Our **Mandela Day Outreach** for Term 3 will be to collect long-life milk, and we ask for any 1 litre long-life milk donations. Further information will be made available in due course.

I leave you with the following thought:

"Why am I a teacher?..."



Let's live to change each child's life.

Thank you to all our Parents who make us feel worthy to teach your children.

Have a blessed holiday.

Mrs Sonette Kotze

4. FROM THE DESK OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had an extremely successful **Games and Entrepreneurs Day** on 27 May. It was enjoyed by all and our Grade 7 learners learnt quite a few important lessons with regard to buying and selling of merchandise as well as proper budgeting. We appreciate the support of our parents who assisted and supported their children in this regard.

Thank you to all our Grade 5 parents who supported us at our **Spur evening** last week Wednesday. We really appreciate you taking time off from your busy schedules.

On Thursday, 9 June our **U/12 netball league winners challenged** our teachers (including Mrs Gerber) to a “friendly” game of netball, but little did they know that the teachers would put up such a fight – they even brought in their male counterparts to try and save the day. In the end all were winners as the fun outweighed the competitiveness and no one remembered the score. Some of our parents were amused by what they saw on our Facebook page and decided to **challenge our teachers in Term 3** – watch this space!

We would like to thank all our **rugby and netball** players for their commitment during the season, as well as our parents for their support. Without the dedication of enthusiastic coaches we could not achieve such great results. Congratulations on the wonderful achievements on the fields, especially our U/13 Rugby Team and U/12 Netball Team, who were both league winners. We would like to wish those of our learners going to the Curro Nationals in Cape Town at the end of June all the very best. Good luck also to Mrs Anri Skinner who will join the netball girls and Mr Conrad Steyn who will join the rugby boys as their coaches on tour.

We really enjoyed listening to our Grade 6 and 7 learners (Khanyi Mabuza, Mila Mabhongo, Tshogofatso Halota and Ntando Masuku) who participated in the **Bailey Bilingual Speech Competition** on 9 June and we look forward to you making us proud again next year!

Please note that the Intermediate Phase (Grade 4 – 7) **Parent-teacher conference** will be held on Wednesday 20 July and the Foundation Phase (Grade 1 – 3) will meet parents on Thursday 21 July. Both these days will start from 14h30 until 19h00.

We would like to inform our parents of the **Robotics Explorer Competition** which will take place in the Primary School Hall on Saturday 23 July from 10:00 to 15:30 (further information to follow in due course).

Thank you to all our parents for their continued support this term and we trust that you will have an enjoyable break with your children.

5. FROM THE DESK OF THE OPERATIONAL HEAD : HIGH SCHOOL

The term has almost come to an end and I can't believe that time has flown by so quickly! The saying “time flies when you're having fun” comes to mind.

Looking back at a very busy and successful term, there are a couple of **highlights** that I would like to bring to your attention. Our netball girls completed their first clean sweep when competing against another school in our league and winning all of their matches in all the age groups. They even beat some of the well-established schools that play in our league.

In our **first year of rugby** we have managed to win a game or two – this against schools that have been playing the game much longer than we have. The most encouraging aspect, however, is that the number of boys taking part actually increased!

Our **hockey girls** are also slowly improving with every game being played. The representation we have in our regional side is proof thereof.

I want to thank all the learners who took part in **sports** this term. All the hours on the practice field and the tough matches that were played will serve as lessons you can use in your everyday life. I would also like to thank our coaches, who tirelessly gave up their time to coach and who are always so passionate about their teams.

I would like to remind you of our **Parents' morning** we have on the first Saturday of next term. Please make use of this opportunity to come and meet with the teachers.

I wish you a happy, restful holiday. Enjoy the time you have with your child – they grow up so quickly.

Mr Danie van Schaik

6. PARENT-to-PARENT BLOG (PAC)

We are organising a Ladies Tea on Saturday 13th August and this will give all our Moms the opportunity to become involved (see attachment: Ladies Tea).

Our Golf Day has been finalised at Copperleaf Golf Estate (5-star rated) for Tuesday 1st November. We will soon send out final communication in this regard.

Please support these initiatives!

Parent Advisory Council 2016

7. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates:

Date	Activity	High School	Primary School
Mon, 20 Jun	Last Day - High school examinations	X	
Fri, 24 Jun	End of Term 2 - School closes @ 11:00	X	X
24 to 25 Jun	Curro Nationals at Grantleigh / Curro Langebaan	X	X
Tues, 19 Jul	School opens for Term 3 The Book People selling books in PS Hall	X	X
Wed, 20 Jul	Parent-Teacher conference from 14:30 to 19:00 (Gr 4-7) in class NB: Grade 7 Parents/Learners Meeting @ 19:00 PS Hall The Book People selling books in PS Hall		X
Thurs, 21 Jul	Parent-Teacher conference from 14:30 to 19:00 (Gr 1-3) in class The Book People selling books in PS Hall		X
Fri, 22 Jul	On Cue Theatre – The 3 Musketeers (Gr 4-7)		X
Sat, 23 Jul	Robotics Explorer Competition 10:00 – 15:30 in PS Hall		X
Mon, 8 Aug	SCHOOL HOLIDAY	X	X
Tues, 9 Aug	WOMEN'S DAY	X	X
Sat, 13 Aug	Women's Day Tea	X	X

8. GENERAL

Staff Matters

Congratulations to **Miss Maxie du Toit**, now Mrs Janse v Rensburg, who recently tied the knot. We wish you a long and happy marriage. We also wish to congratulate **Miss Nakita Azenha** who recently became engaged. At the end of this term we unfortunately have to say goodbye to three of our staff members. Mrs Maharaj (Gr 2) will be leaving for the UAE and continue her teaching career in Abu-Dhabi. We also greet

Mrs Hartzenberg (Gr 2) who will be joining Curro Roodeplaat. At the High School, we say farewell to Miss Shann McInnes. We are very proud to mention that a number of our Curro Castle staff have embarked on their journey to become qualified pre-school assistants. We would also like to congratulate **Mrs Angelique Steenekamp** on the birth of her little girl, Karli.

Lost and Found

The Lost-and-Found room is located in the L-block and is overseen by Mrs Margaret Nkosi. **We would like to make a special request to our High School learners to make an effort to go and check whether their belongings are not perhaps there, as some of the items seem to belong to some of our bigger children.**

Loyalty Cards

Our school is linked to **MAKRO and MY SCHOOL**. These are opportunities to raise funds for our school without any effort – just swipe your loyalty card! You can visit the respective websites to register or if you already have a card kindly change the beneficiary to Curro Thatchfield.

<https://www.myschool.co.za> AND <http://www.makro.co.za>

Waiting Area and Learner Behaviour

Kindly note that the afternoon waiting area at the Primary School has **moved** to the opposite side of the road. We are concerned about the learners' behaviour at this area and would appreciate it if parents will also address their children accordingly. **Littering** is also a huge problem at this area and it is quite embarrassing if we welcome visiting schools and our school is riddled with litter!

Safety and Security

Car Remote Jamming at Schools becoming more popular

Schools are being targeted by opportunist criminals who use remotes to jam locking devices. While many schools have effective and modern security structures in place, car jamming syndicates are still finding ways to bypass this – and steal from unsuspecting victims.

How do they do it?

Criminals use a standard 400MHz gate or garage remote control to jam the signal sent by a car remote control, effectively preventing your door locks from engaging. They do this by repeatedly pressing their own hidden remote device. The act of repeatedly pressing on their own remote device, whilst in close proximity to you, overwhelms airwaves in the area and blocks the driver's remote signal to the car. These criminals then have enough of time to open the unlocked car, open the boot from the inside and steal items of their choice.

The current trend is that criminals specifically target schools and shopping malls. It is the norm for parents to leave their valuables in their vehicles when they're walking their children to class, which therefore provides the perfect opportunity for criminals to strike.

Don't become another statistic! Get proactive and become more aware and vigilant when you are dropping off and collecting your child from school.

Tips to help you prevent Car Remote Jamming

- After you have locked your car with your remote, physically check that the doors are locked.
- Report any suspicious looking individuals to the security teams close by.
- If you feel uneasy, trust your instincts, and move your car to an area which is more secure.
- Never leave items of interest and other valuables on your seats or in view of any passers-by.
- Purchase an anti-car jamming device – they are many products in the market so research the best fit for you before you make a purchase.

Visit the Safer Schools website www.saferschools.co.za to read more interesting articles for Schools and Parents.

Parents are once again made aware that children should **look after their belongings and take responsibility** for their tablets, schoolbags and school clothes. Too often learners report items as stolen,

yet they have left their school bag **unattended at the waiting area** whilst they are playing around. You are reminded that the school does offer the option of lockers. Kindly contact Mrs Fourie (Primary School) or Mrs Ainslie-Brits (High School) should your child wish to rent a locker.

School Contact Number

Kindly note that the school's telephone switchboard has been upgraded and that the **outgoing number** may reflect as **087 286 8268**. **This is not a call centre number** and we request parents to please answer should they receive a call from this number.

Financial Matters

Thank you to our parents who regularly fulfil their financial obligations. We have received instructions from Head Office that no learners may attend school outings, participate in sport / cultural activities should school fees be in arrears. We really go out of our way to accommodate parents with regards to payment plans as we don't want non-payment of school fees to impact negatively on our children's education. For your convenience, see the link below and take note when additional payments are due.

<http://www.curro.co.za/2016/1/26/2016%20School%20Fees%20Curro%20Thatchfield.pdf>

Kindly note that a strict no-return policy will apply at the end of the year. Changing schools can have a devastating effect on children, so please make the **paying of School fees top priority**. You may also pay your **School Fees** account with your credit/debit card by using the **My Hub** website where you open your statement, click on the "pay now" button and follow the instructions accordingly.

Facebook Challenge

Parents, have you recently visited our Facebook pages? You will find amazing photos and interesting news there! We are currently running a "like-the-page" campaign and want to urge parents to please like our pages. We want 5 000 likes before the end of 2016!

9. IN CONCLUSION

It is my wish that the Curro Thatchfield community would make it their mission in life to become agents of change. Let us take hands and become the change that we so desperately want to see. Let us practise what Larry H. Miller tells us to do -

"Go out into the world and do good until there is too much good in the world"

Yours in Education



**MRS. M. GERBER
EXECUTIVE HEAD**



-through hard work great heights are achieved-

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Curro Banking Details:

School Fees Account

(Enrolment, Transport, Aftercare & Curriculum Tablet Fee)

Name of Acc: Curro Thatchfield

Bank: FNB

Acc No: 623 5878 0403

Branch Code: 250-655

Reference: Family Code

Funds Account

Name of Acc: Curro Thatchfield Funds Account

Bank: FNB

Acc Number: 623 8523 8269

Branch Code: 201-410

Ref: Family Code

Please note that school fees are due in advance on the 2nd of every month for 12 months (e.g. July school fees are payable on 2nd July)

NB: A R150 payment allocation fine will be added to all accounts that do not use the family code as reference when making an EFT payment

Outside Providers

Grit Uniform Lounge:

Located in the High School Admin Office

Mon – Thurs: 07:30 to 09:00 and 12h30 to 16h00

Fri: 12:30 to 14:00

Afro School Books:

ldreyer@afroschool.co.za or 011 708 6334

Educational Support Team:

Educational Psychologist

Elmarie Moss-Dormehl on 082 920 4929

Occupational Therapist

Karen Liebenberg on 083 651 0876

Speech Therapist

Liesl Turner on 072 124 7646

Lieslturner@vodamail.co.za

Play Therapist

Anita Potgieter on 084 632 1313

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Urban Life Church Services on Sundays in the Primary School Hall @ 10:00

danie@urbanlife.org.za

www.urbanlife.org.za



Save
The
Date

*Curro Thatchfield
Annual Ladies Day
Tea*

Saturday | August 13, 2016

9.30 for 10.00am

Curro High School Hall

DON'T miss our

HOLIDAY Camps



CURRO THATCHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL CAMP
DATE: Monday, 4 July - Thursday, 7 July 2016

CSIR SPORTS FACILITY CENTRE CAMP
DATE: Monday, 11 July - Thursday, 14 July 2016

TIME: 8:00 - 12:30 (Drop off time 7:30)

AGES: 4 - 14 years old

(Camps will be split into 2 groups. Ages 4-8 and ages 9-14)

COST: R650 per child (10% discount for SSUSS members)

TRANSPORT: Shuttle service available for Pretoria East area - charged separately.

Players required to bring football boots, shin pads and sunblock.

Contact Peter Chiveso M: 079 254 9355

Curro Thatchfield School: Corner Brakfontein & Barbet Street, Thatchfield Hills

CSIR: 627 Meiring Naude, Brummeria, Pretoria
pretoria@ssuss.co.za

Why Holiday Courses?

Experience Soccer at its best, learn NEW soccer skills, make NEW friends and improve your level of play.

Our Holiday Camps are a great way for young players to develop their skills and have fun playing the game, under the watchful eye of our SuperSport United Soccer Schools coaches.

We focus on teaching the fundamental techniques of the beautiful game and showing young players how to master their skills.

Tailor-made for junior players with a fun, safe and friendly atmosphere, football mad kids live and breathe the game for a week.

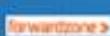
Players will learn how to practice like their heroes and can truly feel they are living their dream of being a footballer.

What's Included?

- A full coaching programme (Our coaching programmes aim to improve players' overall understanding of the game. All players will have the chance to learn the essential techniques of the game: dribbling, passing, turning, finishing, defending).
- Use of our Futebol De Salao balls
- SuperSport United Soccer Schools T Shirt
- Great Fun

Coaching is based around our unique SuperSport United Soccer Schools Skills Challenge and the game of Futebol De Salao.

The individual approach to our coaching programmes maximises players' enjoyment and confidence, to make sure they get the most from each holiday camp.



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